GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN ICAR
INDRAJIT GUPTA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been complaints that crores of rupees have been siphoned off from the Government in the name of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, several of them are non-existent that send manipulated audit utilisation reports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check this practice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a), (b) & (c) There are 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK), including 149 under State Agricultural Universities and other educational institutions, 27 under ICAR Institutes, 74 under Non-Government Organizations (NGO) and the remaining 11 under Public Sector Undertakings and State Governments.

The activities of the KVKs are strictly monitored by 8 Zonal Coordinating Units on regular basis. Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), including the representatives of the farmers, development departments, research and extension agencies has been constituted for each KVK to review the activities.The funds are released based on the audit utilization certificates commensurate with performance. Special audit teams are deployed for verification of records in case of any discrepancy.

Nine Quinquennial Review Teams have also reviewed the functioning of the KVKs.